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USCG Activities New York:

My name is Alan Warren and I was the Operations Manager on duty during the Fire on the M/V Manhattan. I would just like to give you this document which shows the chain of events and shows the actions which I took.

Chain of events for fire on M/V Manhattan:

1902 Received cell phone call from vessel, crew member informed me they had smoke in the engine room. Cell phone call was dropped and I diverted M/V George Washington to the area to assess the situation.

1908 Received another call from crew of M/V Manhattan stating they now had flames coming from engine room. At this point I diverted all NY Waterway vessels we had in harbor to the scene to assist. I spoke to M/V Theodore Roosevelt and had the crew notify Vessel Traffic New York and Coast Guard Activities New York.

1912 After diverting the boats I called Weehawkin police department and Weehawkin first aid to stand-by at dock for any medical assistance.

1918 Passengers and crew were taken off vessel by M/V George Washington and brought to NY Waterway Ferry Terminal Weehawkin where EMS were standing by. At the point when the passengers were removed from vessel we had six NY Waterway Vessels in area standing by. I informed these vessels to call the Coast Guard Vessel on scene and ask for clearance to leave area. At this point, I felt we had too many vessels in area and did not want NY Waterway vessels to be in the way. I had one NY Waterway vessel stand by with our vessel.

1930 At this point M/V George Washington arrived at NY Waterway terminal where passengers and crew were treated by EMS. Six passengers left with no treatment while two went to Palisades General Hospital for Smoke Inhalation. Crew was taken into my office where they called Coast Guard Activities New York.

2000 Crew was taken to Palisades General Hospital for Urine Analysis and Alcohol Breathalyzer and checked for smoke inhalation.

Any questions, please feel free to call me at (201)310-1930.

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